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SUBJECT: DIALOGUE ON CARIBBEAN AIRLINES RIGHTS

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 1013 AND 1014? STATE 92318

1. GOJ HAS INTEREST IN ONLY ONE AIRLINE - AIR JAMCIA.
WHEN FUEL CRISIS CAUSED DIFFICULTIES FOR AIR JAMAICA
AND GOJ APPROACHED EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE, IT DI SO ONLY
ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND NOT ON BEHALF OF ANY OTHER
CARIBBEAN CARRIER. DESPITE ESCLALATING FUEL AND WAGE
COSTS WHICH ARE CAUSING CONCERN, AIRLINE RECENTLY INITIATED
NON-STOP SERVICE KINGSTON-LONDON THREE TIMES A WEEK,
AND PLANS TO EXPAND CAPACITY THIS SUMMER BY LEASING
AN ADDITIONAL DC 8 FOR THREE MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING
MID JUNE. THE FIVE YEAR OLD AIRLINE HAS SHOWN A STEADY
INCREASE IN BUSINESS; IN 1971 AIR JAMAICA CARRIED
APPROXIMATELY 271,417 PASSENGERS EARNING J\$15 MILLION
AND BY 1973 CARRIED 447,724 TO EARN REVENUE OF
J\$30 MILLION

2. WHILE FOR POLITICAL RESAONS GOJ WOULD APPEAR
SMYMPATHETIC TO PROBLEMS FACING BWIA, ITS REAL COMMITMENT
IS TO AIR JAMAICA. DEMISE OF BWIA WOULD CONCERN GOJ
ONLY TO EXTENT SUCH FAILURE MIGHT ADVERSELY
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